


**DEPARTMENT APPROVED WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION**

	
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I. PURPOSE

This directive:

- A. provides specifications relative to prescribed revolvers, semiautomatic pistols, and ammunition for sworn members.
- B. introduces the firearm transition process for Department members hired:
 - 1. on or before 01 December 1991 who elect to transition from a revolver to a Department-approved semiautomatic pistol as their prescribed firearm, or elect to carry a Department approved semiautomatic pistol as an alternate / auxiliary firearm.
 - 2. after 01 December 1991 who elect to transition from their Department approved double-action only semiautomatic pistol, to a Department approved striker-fired pistol, or elect to carry a striker-fired pistol as an alternate / auxiliary firearm.
- C. delineates Department approved firearms.
- D. introduces a newly approved firing system, the striker-fired system.
- E. discontinues the:
 - 1. Chicago Police – Special Weapons Certificate (CPD-63.337).
 - 2. Chicago Police – Approved Handgun Certificate (CPD-63.336).
- F. introduces the Firearms Training and Certification available through ICLEAR.
- G. discontinues the Loan Receipt (CPD-20.012).
- H. introduces the Firearm Loan Receipt (CPD-63.344).
- I. Continues the use of:
 - 1. Certifying Statement-Firearms Form (CPD-11.702).
 - 2. Firearms Purchase Authorization/Sworn Members (CPD-31.220).
 - 3. Firearms Registration Application (CPD-31.562).
 - 4. Affidavit of Employment (CPD-31.563).
 - 5. Equipment Control Log-Special Equipment Vehicle (CPD-23.175).

II. POLICY

- A. Sworn members may only arm themselves with the firearms, ammunition, aerosol devices, and Taser devices as specifically approved by this directive.
- B. Any other weapon as described in 720 ILCS 5/24-1 or 720 ILCS 5/33A-1 is strictly prohibited.
- C. While sworn members are permitted to carry firearms during nonduty hours, they are instructed to refrain from doing so when there is a likelihood that they will be consuming alcoholic beverages or medications which may impair their physical and/or mental abilities. Nothing in this policy statement is to be construed as diminishing a sworn member's responsibility to take appropriate police action, which can be as little as summoning the police for help, when observing a crime in progress.

- D. Committee members who determine there is a need for a meeting will communicate with the Chairman. Committee meetings will convene upon notification from the Chairman during normal business hours where practicable.
- E. A sworn member of the Police Equipment Evaluation Team, Research and Development Division, will attend all meetings, serve as secretary to the committee, and provide official liaison between the committee and retailers, manufacturers, and other suppliers of weapons and related equipment.
- F. Committee affairs will be conducted only when a quorum of the membership is present. A quorum will consist of at least four committee members of which one will be the Chairman or Vice-Chairman. Issues will be voted upon by all the committee members.
- G. The Arsenal Committee functions as a subcommittee of the Uniform and Personal Equipment Policy Committee. The Chairman, Arsenal Committee, will report all committee affairs directly to the Chairman, Uniform and Personal Equipment Policy Committee.

Responsibilities of the Arsenal Committee include:

- 1. development of weapon specifications for the Department.
- 2. conducting research and evaluating weapons and/or ammunition for possible use by Department members.
- 3. making recommendations to the Chairman, Uniform and Personal Equipment Policy Committee, relative to the adoption or discontinuation of weapons and/or ammunition for use by Department members.

XVI. PRESCRIBED DUTY WEAPON LOCKING DEVICE

A. The Department:

- 1. requires sworn Department members to secure their **prescribed duty weapon** when the prescribed duty weapon is not on their person.
- 2. strongly encourages sworn members to secure any/all other firearms which may be in their possession or under their control as mandated by Illinois Compiled Statute (ILCS) entitled "Firearms; Child Protection" (720 ILCS 5/24-9).

B. Effective 1 January 2000, 720 ILCS 5/24-9 "Firearms; Child Protection" was enacted.

NOTE: In essence, the statute states that a firearm must be secured when the likelihood exists that a minor under the age of 14 could gain unlawful access to the firearm. Department policy regarding the securing of a sworn member's prescribed duty weapon is more restrictive.

C. Sworn Department members not carrying their prescribed duty weapon on their person and not having an alternate means to secure the prescribed duty weapon will place the Department-issued locking device on their prescribed duty weapon.

NOTE: Sworn Department members may secure their prescribed duty weapon in a locked box/container or secured in another location that a reasonable person would believe will prohibit access to the prescribed duty weapon by unapproved individuals and meets the requirements of 720 ILCS 5/24-9.